

Fires Take Toll Of 12,000 Lives

A fanatical optimist—certainly no one else—might find it cheering to learn that although we've been burning a lot more property, we have not been burning many more people. That's one lesson to be drawn from the official record made public in connection with National Fire Prevention Week.

Two years ago the number of people killed in fires in the United States was 11,900. Last year it rose to 12,000. Property loss in 1964 totaled \$1,367 million. In 1965, it was \$1,456 million. A great many of the lives could have been saved, a vast deal of the economic and personal loss could have been prevented, if people had just been a little more careful.

Sidewalk Ordinance On Agenda

Lomita councilmen will consider a proposed ordinance to require the construction of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks in connection with new buildings in the city tomorrow.

The council will convene at 7 p.m. A pre-council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m.

The ordinance, if approved, would require any applicant for a building permit to construct curbs, gutters, and sidewalks and to dedicate any land required for such work if the value of the building exceeds 50 per cent of the land value.

Bank Dividend

Directors of Security First National Bank have declared a dividend of 32 cents per share for the third quarter of 1968. The dividend is payable to shareholders of record Oct. 18. A total of 11,400,000 shares are outstanding.

SERMONS ABOUT care in avoiding fires may sound like old stuff. Nobody in his right mind starts a fire because he wants to. Nobody deliberately gets absentminded. One thing we can do is to take a fresh look at some elementary rules for fire prevention and remember they aren't for the other fellow. They're for ourselves.

How about your electric wiring? Is it in good condition? If you must keep oil-soaked rags, are they in closed metal cans? Are kitchen matches in a safe place? Lighter fluid out of children's reach? Ever smoke in bed? Whether you do or don't—don't. Smoking causes one-fourth of all fires.

WHAT ABOUT burns suffered in fires? First degree (skin deep) burns require only an antiseptic soothing ointment. Second degree burns cause blisters; they should be soaked in a solution of two heaping tablespoons of baking soda to a quart of boiled and cooled tap water. If they're severe call a doctor. A third degree burn, which involves the entire thickness of the skin, always requires medical care.



FOR VIET NAM . . . Students at Torrance Elementary School, under the sponsorship of the school's Student Council, are collecting paperback books, writing tablets, and canned goods to ship to U.S. servicemen in Viet Nam. Pictured packing one of the boxes are (from left) Vickie Hatfield, Larry Affentrangen, and Michael Fenn.

If Bonds Fail

Schools Face Loss of State Funds, He Says

"If we don't keep class size down, we could lose \$400 per pupil from the state of California."

So said Frank Mattox, assistant superintendent of business of the Torrance Unified School District, at a recent meeting of school administrators.

State law, Mattox said, requires that every class remain at a maximum of 32 students this year. Next fall the limit will be 31 and in September, 1968, it will stabilize at 30.

"This means that if school bonds fail in the Nov. 8 election, we can't solve the enrollment problem by increasing class size," Mattox stated.

State requirements penalizing school districts that go over the class size limit mean that boards of education are faced with solving enrollment problems either by putting students on double session or by building new schools, Mattox said.

"In Torrance next year, if voters don't approve bond funds, the board of education will either have to raise taxes to build schools on a cash basis or increase the number of schools on double session," he said.

"This year there are close to 900 students on double session. With enrollment increasing at the rate of 1,000 students a year, that number could be doubled a year from now."

Named Director

Daniel H. Chavez has been appointed district director of the Labor Department's Neighborhood Youth Corps activities in Northern California and Nevada.

Dads Stage Show for Pack 755C

Cub Scout Pack 755c, sponsored by the 223rd Street School PTA, was entertained at a "Father's Fashion Show" during the regular September pack meeting.

During the meeting, Cubmaster Adolph Duke presented awards earned during the month. Awards were presented to: Bud Sheppard, Lion badge and pin, a gold arrow, and six silver arrows; Robert Cardoza, Wolf badge and pin and gold arrow; Gregory Ferguson, denner stripes; Leslie Swank, assistant denner stripes; Gilbert Duke, recruiter patch; Richard Klepach, Wolf badge and pin, gold and silver arrows, and denner stripes; Ricky Cooper, Lion badge and pin, Webelos "W" badge, and certificate, and Henry Sanchez, Den Chief shoulder cord.

One-year pins were presented to Eugene Conde, Jorel Quimby, Terry Hamilton, and Leslie Swank.

The boys also made reports on their trips to the La Brea Tar Pits and Los Angeles Airport.

North High Will Host Open House

"Action through Vision and Understanding" will be theme of North High School's annual open house Wednesday from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m.

Events will begin with a general assembly in the covered patio. Following the brief session, parents will have an opportunity to meet teachers by following class schedules to the supplied by their students.

Refreshments will be served following the program, according to E. H. McCueker, assistant principal for instruction.



HIG HIT . . . Sandra Nielson, 18, with a batting average of .36-.41-.46, will reign as "Miss Mobile Home" at the 14th Annual Mobile Home & Travel Trailer Show, Oct. 27 thru 30, at Dodger Stadium. New models in mobile homes, travel trailers, campers, motorhomes and accessories from leading manufacturers will be on display. Show hours are daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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